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INTRODUCTION

This brochure contains a selection of political statements issued by the New Zionist Organization within the past fifteen months. It is supplemental to another selection of releases which we published under the title of "Ten Political Statements" in January, 1945.

These documents, together with those previously published, will give the reader some insight into the political activities which were carried on by the New Zionist Organization during the war years and the ensuing period. They represent but a small fraction of the material used in the extensive and concerted campaign of the New Zionist Organization. But even from these selections, it can be easily noted that there was not one major event in the political developments of the world and in Palestine which the New Zionist Organization permitted to pass without pressing its points regarding the Jewish tragedy and its solution.

At every international conference of the Allies—at Bermuda, at Dumbarton Oaks, at Quebec, at San Francisco, at Potsdam—the Jewish question and the Jewish demands were presented by us to the governments as well as to the press in the militant, frank, and realistic manner which characterizes the approach of the New Zionist Organization. At every phase of the struggle for Palestine, whenever the rights of the Jewish people were jeopardized and its claims side-tracked or deliberately misrepresented, the voice of the New Zionist Organizaiton was heard, loud and clear, forcefully exposing the systematic betrayal which was practiced against Jewry.

This all inclusive campaign is reflected in these documents. They have an historic significance as instruments in the fight for Jewish freedom, and as factors which influenced public opinion. Indeed, few other statements have had such a far-reaching effect in enlightening the American people, no less than American Jewry, on the Jewish problem and its ramifications and in arousing them to the full understanding of their grave responsibilities in this issue.

When the full history of this generation is written, no historian will be able to ignore the honorable record of New Zionism in the struggle for a Jewish Palestine. This selection, however, was made not from the standpoint of historic evaluation. The fight for a Jewish Palestine is still going on. The forces arrayed against the Jewish State plan are still making use of every available channel for disseminating the malicious propaganda which is their main weapon in this fight.

To dispel the doubts raised by their insidious attacks, to combat false notions accepted as conventional truths, and to present the issue in its true light—the statements compiled in this brochure will be, we trust, as helpful as they were when they appeared in the press of the country.

With the hope that the perusal of these fighting documents will lead the reader to active participation in our battle for Jewish freedom, we are

Respectfully,

THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Col. John Henry Patterson	Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn
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Major William R. Friedman	Dr. Raphael Kurzok
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THE DUMBARTON OAKS CONFERENCE

The following memorandum was submitted to the Dumbarton Oaks Conference. It was also released to the press. All New York Newspapers carried detailed reports on it.

Statement on
THE POST-WAR SOLUTION OF THE JEWISH QUESTION

August 25, 1944

Now, that a post-war policy is being formulated to insure the peace of the world, the Jewish problem must be recognized as one of the pivotal points upon which the peace of the world hinges. Hatred toward the Jew was Hitler's main strength in marshalling the German nation under his banner and in gaining allies elsewhere. The leaders of the United Nations must therefore realize that no organization for international security can be effective, nor can a true peace be established, unless the germs of pathological Jew hatred, which served to create Nazism and its consequences, are destroyed.

The Jewish problem was not created by Hitler. Even at Versailles, the Allied and Associated powers took cognizance of the peculiar Jewish situation and its implications to the world. Realizing that the guaranty of constitutional rights as granted to all other minorities was only a part of the solution to the Jewish question, the Allied Powers wholeheartedly endorsed the idea of the establishment of a Jewish National Home. It is only because of the failure of the Mandatory to fulfill its obligations under the covenant of the League that the Jewish problem is still unsolved.

Under pre-war conditions in the greater part of Europe, mere democratic legislation proved utterly inadequate to check the growth of the anti-Semitic evil, and conditions anticipated in post-war Europe clearly indicate that any similar measures will prove even less effective.

The root of the Jewish malady lies in Jewish homelessness. Any policy which will ignore this fact and seek to resettle the uprooted Jews of Europe in their former lands, will but serve to aggravate the malady and eventually again lead to disaster.

A Solution of the Problem

The New Zionist Organization of America, approaching the Jewish problem realistically, suggests the following five measures:—

(1) Palestine, in its historic and natural borders, must be treated

internationally as the Jewish homeland. Its territorial integrity, fundamentally embodied in the Mandate, must be respected.

(2) Jews who have been forcibly evicted from their former lands shall not be compelled to return to them, but shall be granted their wish to be transferred en masse, in the shortest possible period, to Palestine.

(3) This mass transfer must be assisted financially by an International Loan granted to the Jewish people, and the Axis powers must be made to pay reparations for all damage done to life and property of individual Jews as well as of Jewish communities. These reparations shall be used solely for the resettlement of the Jewish people in Palestine and for the upbuilding of the Jewish State.

(4) The Jewish people, whose national characteristics and strivings were recognized by the Allied powers in the last war and by the League of Nations through the Balfour Declaration, the Palestine Mandate and National Minority Rights granted to Jews in East Central Europe, must be acknowledged now as a full-fledged nation—an ally of the United Nations—with a right to participate in the peace conference and in settling world problems in which it has an equal stake. The tremendous suffering that the Jews endured at the hands of the common enemy, as well as their sacrifices and heroic contributions on all the battlefields of the world, make this demand not only just but politically wise and sound.

(5) The system of Mandates has served to cloak and to cover up imperialistic ambitions and is not compatible with a world planning to live in peace. The greatest sufferers of this imperialistic scheme have been the Jewish people who, notwithstanding the clear specifications of the Palestine Mandate, were prevented from exercising their right to settle in Palestine and develop their national life there. We, therefore, demand that the British Mandate over Palestine be abolished and, as the Jewish people have shown themselves fully capable of colonizing Palestine and governing it in an orderly and just manner, the country shall be placed under international guardianship and the Jewish people entrusted with the task of its administration.

We wish to make it unequivocally clear that any attempt by Great Britain to partition Palestine and to create artificial boundaries for the country will never be accepted by the Jewish people. It will be met with continued stern resistance by Jews the world over. It will create conditions that will jeopardize not only the peace in Palestine, but also of the entire Near East.

CHURCHILL-ROOSEVELT MEETING AT QUEBEC

The following letters were addressed to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill respectively during the Quebec Conference. Parts of the statements which were submitted to the press appeared in various newspapers.

September 14, 1944.

The Hon. Winston Churchill
Prime Minister of Great Britain
The Citadel
Quebec, Canada

Your Excellency:

For the sixth time since the beginning of this war, you are in conference with the President of our country. This time, the conference is held at a moment when victory appears to be in the offing. Your discussions will no longer be overshadowed by the threat of enemy conquest. Although you are still confronted with important military problems, you must nevertheless concentrate your thoughts on a post-war policy to ensure the peace of the world.

We submit, Mr. Prime Minister, that, when formulating this policy, you should not overlook the problem of the Jewish people, which is so closely identified with every step leading up to this war and is a pivotal point upon which may depend the peace of the world. We are convinced that you have no illusions with regard to the possibilities of Jewish rehabilitation in Europe; and you must realize that the only solution to the shocking Jewish tragedy, whose continuation will again jeopardize the peace of the world, is Palestine.

Surely, you are aware that in that land there is enough "living space" for its present inhabitants, Jews and Arabs, for their progeny, and for millions of Jewish immigrants. You are aware that Jewish colonization never harmed the Arabs; that, on the contrary, it brought them far-reaching benefits. You know that there is no valid reason to prevent the Jewish people from exercising their historic right, acknowledged in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, to settle in Palestine and to develop their national life there.

No one realizes better than you that, almost from the day the Mandate was entrusted to Britain, it has been the policy of His Majesty's Government to invalidate this right and to sabotage all Jewish efforts to rebuild the country. The climax of this policy was reached by the White Paper of 1939. Your own address in the House of Commons, unsurpassed in fury and brilliance, vigorously denounced this in-

famous document. One year later, you became the head of the British Government, and the hearts of world Jewry beat with hopeful anticipation of a Jewish Palestine under your inspiring influence. Yet, that infamous White Paper, which you so indignantly excoriated, is still in force, and the anti-Zionist policy of Great Britain is as adamant and persistent as it was during the worst periods of the pre-Munich and post-Munich era when Lord Passfield and Malcolm MacDonald were the masters of the British Colonial Office. Indeed, Palestine is the only spot on God's earth where the Churchill Government faithfully continues the worst traditions of the Government of Mr. Chamberlain.

It is with deep reluctance that we state this sad truth. We are old and confirmed friends and admirers of the British Commonwealth of Nations and of the present head of the British Government. It has always been our dearest hope to build up the country of our ancestors in harmonic cooperation with Great Britain, to the benefit of the Jewish people and, no less, of the British nation. However, at this decisive moment, when the destinies of the world and of world Jewry are under consideration, we owe to our people and to the world the utmost frankness. And we owe the same frankness to you, Mr.Churchill, whom the Jews the world over for decades considered their faithful friend and ardent supporter of their national aspirations.

In this spirit of frankness we assert that Britain has nothing to gain and everything to lose by continuing her anti-Zionist policy. There is the local Palestine-Middle-Eastern consideration, and there is the consideration of world affairs. From the local point of view, Arab support is determined by only one factor, Britain's military power; and Britain's military strength will not increase by the opposition to Zionism. On the other hand, the Jewish question in Palestine, if it remains unsolved, will prove a source of permanent irritation, friction and unrest, and an instrument of agitation, not only against Jewry, but against Britain as well.

This is the picture from a local point of view. It has an even darker aspect from an international point of view. Britain's persistent antagonism to a Jewish Palestine will inevitably engender growing bitterness and hostility between the Jewish people and Great Britain. There will be an increasing current of anti-British sentiment and propaganda that will spread through the Jewish people to all the corners of the world. Superficial minds are always inclined to minimize the effect of such influences. But you, Mr. Prime Minister, cannot minimize them. You know the dynamic force of moral values. You know that the weight of public opinion in the long run determines the fate of nations.

In post-war Europe, despairing Jewish masses, having lost their faith in Britain's sense of justice and humanitarianism, will by force of circumstances throw their combined weight into the camps of

Britain's enemies. When you deprive people of their last hope, you must expect them to follow the counsels of despair.

Here, on this side of the Atlantic, the people of America are heart and soul for a just and speedy solution of the Jewish question. The five million Jews in the United States are naturally interested in the fate of their kinfolk. They cannot let them down, nor will they ever desert them. They will expose Britain's injustice in Palestine at every opportunity. They will mobilize all their friends in this country, all those who are sworn enemies of tyranny, to fight on their side.

Whether this in the long run will not assuredly affect and undermine the confidence in Britain, which must be the basis of every British approach to the United States—remains for you, Mr. Prime Minister, to judge.

This, you must admit, is a sound and realistic appraisal of the situation. We do not want these developments to take place. We shall consider it most unfortunate not only for Jewry, but also for the British people and for all humanity. We conceive it our duty, therefore, to apprise you of this development now, when you and the other leaders of the United Nations are planning the course of a better world.

Our last appeal to you, Mr. Prime Minister, is:

Restore the humane and noble idea of the Balfour Declaration. Abolish the White Paper. Open the doors of Palestine—the whole of Palestine—for a mass and speedy transfer of Jews to the Jewish State. Save for your country the historic privilege and glory of solving the age-old Jewish problem.

It is within your competence to do so. Your prestige is great and powerful. We hope and pray you shall use it.

Respectfully,

COL. MORRIS J. MENDELSOHN, *President*

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September 14, 1944.

The President of the United States of America
The Citadel
Quebec, Canada

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit to you the attached copy of a letter of this date addressed by me, on behalf of The New Zionist Organization of America, to Mr. Churchill, and to bespeak your intercession with the Prime Minister, on the occasion of your meeting in Canada,

in the interest of redeeming the pledge made to the Jewish people with respect to Palestine.

It will not be necessary, at this late date, to detail at length the reasons which impel us to ask for your active assistance in this matter.

You cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the tragic plight of the Jewish people over vast areas of the world. Millions of Jews have been brutally killed. Large numbers will remain homeless. Others in many lands, face deep-rooted hostility strengthened by years of Nazi propaganda. The traditional countries of immigration, including the United States, the Latin American republics, and the British dominions, are evidently determined to maintain, if not to strengthen, their stringent immigration policies of the last decade. There is special reluctance, manifested in many ways, to admit Jewish immigrants anywhere in any considerable numbers.

In these circumstances, the need and determination of large numbers of Jews in many countries to lay aside the intolerable burden of remaining in the state of unwanted strangers have understandably grown. After the horrible events witnessed by this generation, you will certainly not find it morally possible to compel these Jews to continue in the part of scape-goats of every mob, of stepping-stones for every demagogue. The unequivocal stand taken by millions of Jews the world over, particularly in the countries of the Old World, as a distinct nationality, their demand for existence as a free nation within the family of nations, and the international recognition of this claim accorded by all the Powers between 1917 and 1924, should certainly be respected today.

You cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the fact that this pledge has not been kept. The Mandates Commission of the League of Nations has said so. Mr. Churchill has said so. You, yourself, have found it necessary to state, in speaking of the most recent violation of this pledge—the British White Paper on Palestine of 1939—that the United States has never agreed to that document.

You cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the fact that the United States, both as party to the Anglo-American Convention of 1924 and as one of the principal United Nations interested in safeguarding peace, law, and justice in the post-war world, has both the right and the moral obligation to use its influence in redressing so obvious a wrong, in ensuring so just a solution.

Finally, you cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the fact that the people of America, speaking through the recent national conventions of both major political parties, advocates action by its government along substantially the same lines as those requested by us. This policy adopted by both major parties of the United States

cannot be carried into effect except by action of the executive branch of the Government. Since you head the executive branch of the government of this great country, both the opportunity and the responsibility are yours.

There has been a growing tendency of late, in governmental circles of various countries, to evade decision and action on the just demands of the Jewish people on the ground that military considerations require that such decision and action be postponed. You will permit us to remark that the utter baselessness of this excuse in the present circumstances is obvious to every well-informed person of good faith. At no time did past considerations of a military character militate less against the speedy establishment of the Jewish commonwealth, than at the present. Under the circumstances, this excuse can be interpreted by us and by all persons of good will in no other light than that of a pretext masking a determination never to grant to the homeless Jews of the world a national life of their own, a determination to keep them forever the play-things of human malice.

In view of the foregoing, we feel impelled to appeal to you, Mr. President, to make full use of the prerogatives of your high office in interceding with the Prime Minister and government of the United Kingdom to the end that the cynical play with the lives and dignity of an oppressed people be ended and that requests formulated in the accompanying letter to Mr. Churchill, requests justified by the law of nations, by elementary morality, and by considerations of world peace, and supported by the people of this country, be granted.

Respectfully yours,

COL. MORRIS J. MENDELSOHN, *President*

WE REGRET, MR. PRESIDENT!

An Open Letter to President Roosevelt

On November 2nd, 1944, the 27th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, and five days before the Presidential elections in the United States, The New Zionist Organization made public the following letter to President Roosevelt which embodies its evaluation of the Roosevelt policy towards the Jewish question. The statement appeared almost in its entirety in the New York Sun of November 2, 1944, and partly in other newspapers.

MR. PRESIDENT:

It is with profound regret that we are impelled to advise you in this open letter that your recent statement on Palestine is not satisfactory to those who seek a just and speedy solution to the pressing Jewish problem.

We greet your endorsement of "the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth." By this declaration you have dissociated yourself from the false interpretations deliberately applied to the international pledges given to the Jewish people. Your pledge to support this aim, however, is indefinite and subject to misconstruction. In all fairness, when considering this pledge, we cannot overlook the policy conducted by your administration with regard to Palestine during the entire period of the past twelve years.

The basic policy of the United States on this issue was established by Congress in 1922. It was reaffirmed and strengthened in the American-British Treaty on Palestine of 1924. Under the terms of this treaty America's recognition of British rule in Palestine was made subject to the fulfillment of the provisions of the Mandate. By this treaty, America has the right to veto any attempt by the mandatory power to change the status of Palestine. This right of America, however, has never been invoked to uphold the policy of a Jewish National Home.

That this right should have been exercised during the past decade is very apparent. It was during the period of your administration that Hitler came to power in Germany, and disaster after disaster befell the Jewish people. The realization of the policy of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine became an imperative duty. It became the crying need of a helpless multiude of human beings seeking to flee from barbarous persecution and cruel death. During that very period Britain's anti-Jewish policy in Palestine increased in scope and intensity. All the pledges embodied in the Mandate were brazenly broken,

culminating in the total nullification of the Mandate by the White Paper of 1939. Against this unilateral action, violating and setting aside the Anglo-American Treaty on Palestine, your administration took no action.

From the day of the outbreak of this terrible war, millions of Jews were systematically exterminated. Humanity was shocked by the spectacle of a whole people bleeding to death. The opening of Palestine became an urgent need to save the Jewish people from annihilation. Yet, Britain continued to bar Palestine to the Jews. And your administration again failed to act. It failed to raise its voice even when Jewish victims who managed to escape the Nazi horror were driven back from the very shores of their own national home.

The closed door policy in Palestine was and still is the rock upon which all attempts to save European Jewry from murder and starvation have been hopelessly shattered. To our sorrow, we must record that all the efforts by the American people to move Britain to open the gates of Palestine were frustrated.

When under the pressure of an aroused American public the Anglo-American Bermuda Conference was convened, your administration, as well as the British Government, was fully aware that no country was willing to open its doors to a considerable number of homeless Jews. Nevertheless, on the insistence of Britain, and with the consent of the United States, Palestine—the only tangible haven —was excluded from the deliberations of the conference. The conference was foredoomed to certain failure. Yet, to lull public opinion, our delegates, together with those of Britain, hailed the abortive discussions as a constructive achievement and encouraged hopes of rescue which could never be attained.

And when the Foreign Relations Committee of Congress had before it a resolution sponsoring the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, representatives of your State and War Departments blocked the acceptance of this resolution on the ground of the flimsy and unwarranted excuse of "military expediency.'

To be sure, Mr. President, during the past decade you made numerous pro-Palestine statements. Each of them was greeted by Jews with gratefulness and enthusiasm. None of them, however, was followed by action. In the light of the foregoing, how can we accept at its face value any pledge not accompanied by deeds? Particularly we cannot accept with satisfaction such a pledge when it contains the reservations you attached to it.

You promise us that action in favor of a Jewish Commonwealth will be taken "as soon as practicable." What does this mean? For months, every vestige of a threat to the security of the Middle East

has vanished, so that the much abused argument of "military expediency" can no longer even be advanced. Your own Secretary of War has recently acknowledged this fact. Every excuse for delay has gone. Why then is it not practical *now* to open the gates of Palestine to the Jews? Or is "practicability" the new unqualified excuse which is to replace the ill-argued but qualified excuses which can no longer be used?

Ten months have passed since you promised justice to those who seek the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth "when future decisions will be made." We do not know which "future" you had in mind, but we do know that "decisions" are being made daily. Since you issued that declaration, your administration, on Britain's initiative and in the face of French objections to precipitate action, has recognized the independence of the French mandated territories of Syria and Lebanon, both close neighbors of Palestine. Does "practicability" imply that we shall have to wait until someone experiences a change of heart to a more favorable attitude on the Jewish question? Does it mean that all international problems will have to be cleared away before you find it possible to take care of this problem, too? Must the Jews always be the first to suffer and the last to be helped?

There is another reservation in your pledge, Mr. President. You promise to help "if re-elected." Why? The candidate of an opposition party can make promises contingent only upon election. A President in office does not have to wait for election in order to carry out his promises. You have not adjourned the business of government till after re-election. You continue to deal with foreign nations and represent the views of this country as regards American policies. Why, then, if you truly consider a Jewish Palestine a just and necessary aim, do you make your action on its behalf contingent upon re-election?

A fervent Jewish admirer of yours, after recently interviewing you, informed the press that, "as a candidate," you favor a Palestine Jewish Commonwealth.

We do not want you to limit your sympathy to our cause to your capacity "as a candidate." We had hoped that, truly persuaded of the justice of this cause, you would also give it your support "as President"; that you would do it in deed as well as in word; that you would do in the present, and not in some indefinite future.

Mr. President, there is still time to dispel these doubts and apprehensions. There is still time for bold and courageous action. The voice of America is strong enough to turn the establishment of "Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth" from a slogan into a reality. But this voice must be heard now, and resolutely, and without reservations!

YOU CANNOT HANG ALL THE JEWS!

The following statement appeared, as a political advertisement, in the New York Post of April 10th, 1945 on the heels of the execution of Lord Moyne's assassins. Although declaring opposition to terrorism as a political weapon, the New Zionist Organization stressed Britain's responsibility for the conditions which provoked violence.

A Policy of Intimidation

Two young Jews were hanged in Egypt for the shooting of a British Minister. The executioner was an Egyptian. But the hand that guided the hangman was British. It was the British who denied these two Jewish youths, fighting for their lives, the right to build their defense. Their witnesses were barred. Their declarations were withheld from the world. Even the age-old privilege granted condemned men to bid farewell to their families was denied to them.

To those acquainted with conditions in Palestine, this utter disregard for moral requirements is not in the least surprising or new. For the past two decades thousands of young Jewish men and women were arrested, beaten, tortured, exiled, and some even hanged, only for the "crime" of criticizing, protesting, or opposing in some other legal way the British anti-Jewish policy in Palestine. All respect for evidence and proper procedure of law was thrown into the gutter, in a calculated effort to terrorize the Jews and force them to give up their struggle for their land and freedom.

Jews Fight for Survival

Thus far, however, the Colonial Office *failed* to destroy the force of Zionism. We are certain it will fail also in the future to break the Jewish spirit and struggle for independence. The Jewish people has not endured a life of martyrdom for ages to give it up now on the altar of British Imperialism. It is well aware, that, without the Zionist solution, there can be no security, no dignity and no happiness for the Jew in the world.

While for the British, Palestine is a mere imperialistic outpost, for the Jews it is a matter of life and death. There can be no question, therefore, of Jewish surrender. There can be no doubt as to the ultimate outcome of this struggle.

Suspect of Being Suspect

The British seem not to understand this. Following their old policy of intimidation, they are now using the deplorable assassination of

Lord Moyne as a new excuse for oppressing the Jews in Palestine. Hundreds of Jews have been imprisoned, put in concentration camps, or exiled to disease-infested stockades in East Africa, on the mere suspicion of belonging to resistance groups. Even wives, children and distant relatives of the suspects were subjected to the same fate. The situation has assumed the ridiculous aspect of the Reign of Terror during the French Revolution, when people were thrown into prison only because they were "suspect of being suspect."

Britain Responsible for Death of Jews

The British sought to place the responsibility for Lord Moyne's death upon the entire Jewish people. But the Jews have no government of their own. The Jewish people cannot be accountable for acts of individuals. However, there *is* a government in Great Britain and that government *is* responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of Jews.

Countless Jewish communities have been exterminated by the Nazis in Europe. Many of them could have been saved if they had been permitted to avail themselves of their inalienable right to find safety in Palestine, their national homeland. The British have arbitrarily closed for them the doors of Palestine. Knowingly and deliberately, they have abandoned them to the bestiality of Hitler's murderous hordes. Britain, therefore, is accountable before God and mankind for the lives of these millions of men, women and children slain in cold-blooded sadism.

In the Footsteps of Hitler

When Hitler set out to conquer the world, he used Jew-baiting as his secret weapon. Now, when the British Colonial Imperialists are set to widen and consolidate their rule over the Middle East, they, too, use Jew-hatred as the compelling weapon.

British agents are busily engaged all over the Middle East in arousing the Arab-speaking peoples against the Jews and their national strivings in Palestine. Peoples that have lived for centuries in a neighborly spirit are now sizzling with fires of hatred, ignited by British intrigue and fed with British money.

Fostering anti-Semitism for their own imperialistic purposes, an artificial Arab Federation is now being sponsored by the British bureaucrats of the Colonial Office. The Federation has no national, political, or social foundations. Its only unifying force is the artificially created suspicion and hatred of the Jew.

Nazism is at its downfall. But British Imperialism seemingly has taken over its role to fan the fires of world anti-Semitism. World Jewry is now menaced not from Nuremberg, but from Whitehall in London. It will have to defend itself against British Imperialistic

anti-Semitism; it will be forced to fight the British as it fought the Nazis.

America Is Involved

Imperialists are not amenable to reason or to moral considerations. We do not expect the British to be moved by appeals for justice and understanding. The American people, however, are partners of Great Britain in this war, and America is asked to guarantee the safety of the British Empire.

Abraham Lincoln wisely said: "A house divided against itself cannot long endure." Similarly, a partnership divided against itself cannot hope to survive. A British anti-Semitic policy will be a dividing factor. America cannot remain indifferent, for its effect will be felt right here in our midst. It will undermine the very foundations of our Democracy, for which our sons and daughters are now fighting on all the battlefronts of the world.

America is vitally interested in securing the future peace of the world. The British anti-Jewish policy in Palestine, and the provocation of Jews, tend to bring about international explosions in a part of the world that is rightly termed a powder keg.

Oppression Breeds Terror

We sincerely deplore the acts of violence. But it must be clear that it is the British policy of opposing and oppressing the Jews that provokes these acts. Britain cannot expect to humiliate and trample upon the rights of a highly cultural people and expect no resistance. She cannot terrorize the Jews without precipitating a counter-terror.

She cannot hang all the Jews. She cannot force the Jews of the world to give up their hope for the continuation of Jewish history and their struggle for freedom and national redemption. Resistance to Great Britain is bound to flare up everywhere. The peace of the world will be threatened. America may also be involved. It is, therefore, in the interest of America to call Britain to order and see that justice shall be done to the Jews in Palestine and peace shall reign in the Holy Land.

"AND IF RE-ELECTED..."

A Memo

To the President of the United States

In reaction to President Roosevelt's open interevention against the passage of the Palestine Resolution, placed for the second time before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, the New Zionist Organization of America published the following statement in the form of political advertisements in the New York Post of January 9th and the Washington Post of January 10th, 1945.

MR. PRESIDENT:

For the first time in the history of the Jewish people's fight for a national homeland in Palestine, both major political parties in America adopted planks at their national conventions pledging their support of this age-old struggle.

On the 15th of October, 1944, you issued a statement fully endorsing the plank on Palestine, adopted by the Democratic party, which called for "the opening of Palestine to unrestricted immigration and colonization, and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

You stated that this action was "in accord with traditional American policy and in keeping with the spirit of the Four Freedoms." You also stated that you were "convinced that the American people support this aim," and you solemnly pledged that "if re-elected" you would "help to bring about its realization."

This was three weeks *before* election. Three weeks *after* election, the American people were aghast to find you exerting, through the Department of State, the utmost pressure to stifle the Wagner-Taft resolution which urged unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine and the ultimate reconstitution of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

This resolution, if adopted, would facilitate your task to implement your pledge, as it would indicate to Britain that not only the President, but also the American Congress and people are determined to see this policy enforced. We can, therefore, find no justification of your opposition to this Senate resolution. *We cannot understand why you, Mr. President, should oppose the support of the Senate for a policy which you yourself were committed to pursue.* We cannot understand this unless we agree that the expressed will of the American people,

the official decisions of both major parties, as well as your own solemn pledge, can be brushed aside by pressure from Britain, which has her own designs on the Land of Israel.

This we say, Mr. President, with full conviction, because none will seriously consider, even for a moment, the statement made by Mr. Stettinius that "the passage of the resolution at the present time would be unwise from the standpoint of the international situation." There is nothing in the "international situation" today which should prevent the Senate from taking a stand on this issue any more than there was in the ""military situation"—the excuse used ten months ago to prevent similar Senate action. The only thing ""international" in the case of Palestine is the overwhelming international need to solve the Jewish question in the world, and the international consent of all freedom-loving nations to solve it by giving the homeless people a home. Otherwise, it is strictly a British affair. *It is Britain which blocks the materialization of this plan, and it is Britain which opposes the passage of the resolution in the Senate.* Surely, Mr. President, this is as well known to you as it is known to us.

That the British Government should use every available channel of influence to dissuade the Senate from taking a stand on the Palestine issue might indeed be expected. But that the President of the United States should serve as an instrument for British policy on this issue is unthinkable. Such a stand is not only contrary to your own stated attitude and to what you yourself termed a "traditional American policy." *It is also in opposition to our very war aims.*

The war aims of an imperialistic country could motivate such a deviation. *But these are not our war aims, Mr. President.* America responded magnificently to your call for the supreme sacrifice on behalf of civilization, the Four Freedoms, the Atlantic Charter, and all the other high ideals enunciated by you to inspire us with the conviction that the war we wage is a war of right against might. None of those who offered their all to our nation's cause would render such service for territorial aggrandizement, or subjugation of weak nations by stronger ones. For America had no hand in the imperialistic game in the past, and America has no desire to take a hand in it now.

How, therefore, shall we construe the policy you conduct with regard to the Jewish people of Europe and the Palestine issue? What lies behind your implied concurrence in Britain's colonial attitude which Winston Churchill himself once branded as "a breach of faith" and as "a unilateral renunciation of an engagement"? The British Prime Minister may have "good-old" British imperialistic reasons for approving today of a treacherous policy, which he himself so sharply condemned in 1939, when just an ordinary Member of Parliament. But what are the reasons that prompt an American President tacitly

to consent to one of the worst sell-outs ever practiced by an imperialistic power on a defenseless and homeless people? Is it your liberalism and humanitarianism, Mr. President, or your faithfulness to Christianity, or your firm belief in the principles of democracy, or your acute sense of justice, or your avowed desire to see peace and happiness in the world? What is it that impels you, the President of the United States of America, to uphold the hand of the British Colonial Office which seeks to crush every hope for the survival of European Jewry and its national rehabilitation in Palestine?

Day after day brings us reliable news, Mr. President, that the Four Freedoms in whose name you so solemnly promised to support the cause of a Jewish Palestine, are being cast aside in favor of insatiable imperialistic ambitions and the diplomacy of power politics. Is this the answer to our puzzlement, Mr. President? Whatever the answer, one thing is clear: To rob the Jewish people of Palestine in their hour of greatest need is something which the American people will not tolerate. America—that liberal, progressive and democratic America, in whose name you speak—will never sanction this act.

Your re-election was urged as a prerequisite for the establishment of a just and lasting peace. We assert that no true peace can be established if the millions of surviving Jews in Europe will be left in their hopeless state of misery and again provide a breeding ground for social and political restlessness. You offered them hope. You have been to them, as to all the oppressed people of the world, the symbol of American freedom and democracy, the champion of good faith and the rights of the downtrodden. *Are all those who had faith in you, Mr. President, to be left with nothing but bitter disillusionment?*

We, therefore, appeal to you to rise to the occasion, to the great hopes placed in you by a world craving for justice, and to the obligations you assumed to the American people. We appeal to you that *true to your own declarations and professions,* you intervene without delay in the Palestine situation. Act!—and let Congress act!—and one of the most shocking tragedies of history will be removed from suffering mankind.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

The following memorandum was submitted to all members of the United Nations Conference and released for publication by the delegation of the New Zionist Organization at a press conference in San Francisco on May 16, 1945. *Reports appeared in most of the newspapers in the United States and in many publications abroad.*

May 16, 1945.

The Jewish problem is one which calls for sound and prompt international treatment and requires official Jewish representation in the councils of the United Nations.

To ignore the Jewish problem is to invite serious trouble in Europe, in the Middle East, and throughout the world. It has been one of the chief factors which enabled the Nazis to achieve power and to plunge the world into this global war, and it may well lead again to new social and political conflagrations.

The Jewish question is not a problem for any single country to deal with. It transcends boundaries and reaches out beyond the seas. Its close relation to the cause of peace makes it a world problem. It is international in scope and can be solved only by international action.

Democracy Alone Will Not Solve the Problem

To assume that the Jewish question can be taken care of by pious declarations or by the adoption of constitutional clauses is a dangerous illusion. No democratic constitution in Europe, as has been proven over and over again, can remedy the Jewish situation. No serious observer can imagine that impoverished Europe will readily open fields for economic activity to the hosts of starving Jews who emerged from the ghettos. Democracy will most certainly be reinstated, as far as equality before the law is concerned; but no democratic law can fully overcome the drastic laws of economic competition, particularly when animated by the anti-Jewish feeling prevalent in Europe.

Any effort to reconstruct European Jewry at home would be practically impossible and would only arouse a terrific wave of anti-Semitism. There is, therefore, but one solution to the Jewish problem—the transfer of all homeless Jews to a country of their own.

Palestine As a Jewish State

All the nations today realize that the homelessness of the Jews is the crux of the Jewish problem. This was already generally recognized at the time of the last Peace Conference. Great Britain, through

the Balfour Declaration, the members of the League of Nations, and the United States of America, all pledged the restoration of Palestine as a Jewish National Home. In the interest of world peace, the United Nations must make it clear that the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine is a settled matter of international policy and its existence is to be protected by the full moral and material power of the United Nations. This would once and for all make those who oppose Jewish aspirations realize the futility of their endeavors. It would put an end to the attempts to disturb the peace in the Middle East. It would help the European nations in the organization of their social and national problems. And it would facilitate the establishment of the necessary instruments for the transfer of the Jewish masses from Europe to Palestine speedily and effectively.

The Jewish People Should be Represented Among the United Nations

The fact that the Jewish people was excluded from the first assembly of the United Nations dealing with the question of international security is against the best interests of all peace loving nations, and is definite indication that power politics still plays the major role in international relations.

That the Jewish people has no independent state is no justification for this exclusion. According to the Mandate of the League of Nations, Palestine is a territory designated to be the National Home of the Jewish people. Palestine, Syria and Lebanon belong to the same class of mandates (class A). Since the Arab mandated territories of Syria and Lebanon were invited to the San Francisco Conference, there is no good reason why the Jewish mandated territory of Palestine should not be admitted.

The responsibility for the fact that the Jews are not represented at the San Francisco Conference must be laid entirely at the door of the British Government and is part of a deliberate and calculated policy to prevent the Jewish people from developing positions which would strengthen their claims to Palestine.

It is Britain's imperialistic policy with regard to Palestine and the entire Middle East that stands in the way of Jewish national rehabilitation and the solution of the Jewish problem—a policy which she pursues stubbornly although it imperils international tranquility and the establishment of an enduring peace.

Britain's Position on the Trusteeship Plan

Britain's position on the trusteeship plan is dictated by the same imperialistic policy. The statements made by Britain's representatives that their stand toward the vital trusteeship question is motivated by the interests of the inhabitants of the independent territories is sheer

hypocrisy and a mockery to public opinion. Britain is not interested in the advancement of dependent peoples, but in their subjugation and exploitation for her own selfish aims.

Britain's treatment of the mandates entrusted to her served as an example to other powers as to how to violate international law.

The bitter experiences which mandated territories suffered under British domination discredit Britain as a trustee.

Britain treats mandated territories as colonies. This was conclusively confirmed by Viscount Cranborne's own announcement that "Britain contemplates no revision of existing League of Nations mandates without the agreement of the mandatory power." Britain, however, has no right to maintain control over a mandated territory once an international organization has been established to replace the League of Nations. It must return the mandates to the body of the United Nations which alone has the right to determine the form of their administration.

While we cannot take seriously Britain's formula that the sole consideration of trusteeship arrangements must be based on the advancement of the dependent peoples, we accept the prime objective of the trusteeship system as proposed by the United States "to further international peace and security." No other formula will cover the various cases of trusteeship with their different and specific problems. Under this formula the case of Palestine can be justly and properly solved. Palestine must become a Jewish State, because that is what international peace and security require. This is the only way to eliminate in a constructive manner one of the causes of friction and unrest within and among the nations of the world.

Five Major Proposals

The World New Zionist Organization, approaching the Jewish problem realistically and having in mind the promotion of international justice and international security, presents to the United Nations Conference the following demands which express the aspirations of an overwhelming majority of the Jews of the world.

(1) Palestine, in its historic and natural borders, must be treated internationally as the Jewish Homeland. Its territorial integrity, fundamentally embodied in the Mandate, must be respected.

(2) The British mandate over Palestine should be abolished and the country placed under the control of the United Nations.

(3) For a period of no more than five years, during which the transfer of all the homeless Jews to Palestine should be effected, Palestine, administered by Jews, should be placed under international guardianship represented by a few trustees appointed by the United Nations Assembly with the full consent of the Jewish people.

(4) Not later than the termination of this period of five years Palestine should be declared an independent Jewish State to be governed on the basis of a democratic constitution guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens.

(5) The Jewish people of Palestine—the natural representatives of all the Jews of the world who are in need of a home—should be invited now to the councils of the United Nations so that their voice will be heard when the fate and future of the Jewish people is decided, and they will be enabled to participate in the common effort to secure a real and lasting peace for humanity.

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEESHIPS OF THE U.N.C.I.O.

The following memorandum addressed to Mr. Frazer, Prime Minister of New Zealand and Chairman of the Committee on Trusteeships of the United Nations Conference, and submitted to all members of the committee, was released to the press and received extensive coverage.

May 20, 1945.

Under the terms of the charter for trusteeships proposed to the Committe on the Trusteeship System, Jewish Rights in Palestine may be impaired and the Jewish people denied representation in the councils of the United Nations.

Although the proposed charter on the trusteeship system does not deal with any territory in particular, it obviously aims at providing a practical framework for all terroritories which come under this system. It is assumed that the authors of the proposed charter had various trust territories in mind when they formulated the stipulations for the organizations of trusteeships, but did not pay particular attention to Palestine because the provisions made for the mandated territories will hardly allow an equitable solution to the specific problems presented by that country.

To ignore the specific aspect of the Palestine mandate is against the very aims of the United Nations Organization. The problem involved in this mandate is one which causes friction and unrest in many countries, and it is in the direct interest of world peace and security that special provisions be made for a definite and permanent solution of the Palestine question.

The Palestine mandate is of a unique character and does not enter in the general frame of other mandates. Thus, while the objectives of the charter provide for the social, economic and political advancement of the inhabitants of trust territories, i.e., those who are already settled there—the Palestine mandate provides for people who are already settled in Palestine as well as for those who are still outside Palestine and are to be settled there by right guaranteed by fifty-two nations including Great Britain, and endorsed by the United States of America.

Hence, to make the charter of the trusteeship system fully applicable to the case of Palestine, one of its objectives must be:

> *To provide for the immigration into a territory of people who are still outside that territory but whose settlement there is internationally guaranteed.*

Similarly, the stipulation suggested by the proposed charter regard-

ing the arrangements of trust territories, cannot be considered adequate in the case of Palestine. To assure fair treatment in this case and to secure the internationally recognized right of the Jewish people to Palestine, a provision should be incorporated into the charter guaranteeing that—

> *International obligations assumed toward a people under the existing mandate system will retain their validity under the trusteeship system.*

The proposed charter grants to "states directly concerned" in a trust territory the special privilege of having the final say in all decisions regarding the trusteeship arrangements. In the case of Palestine all the nations of the world can be considered as "directly concerned", not only because they are committed to the Jewish National Home, but also because of immigration questions and the international need to solve the Jewish problem. However, under the guise of the above-mentioned provision, a coterie of powers—in this case the Arab States and the mandatory power—guided by purely selfish motives, may claim and gain the right to decide the trusteeship arrangements for this country, in violation of the rights of other nations as well as the internationally established right of the Jewish people to Palestine.

Therefore, to forestall such a possibility, the following provision should be incorporated in the charter on trusteeships:

> *All members of the United Nations Organization should have equal say in any decision regarding the arrangement for the trusteeship of a territory when the territory in trust involves international obligations and presents problems international in scope.*

DECLARATION

FOR PALESTINE AS A JEWISH STATE AND FOR JEWISH MEMBERSHIP AMONG THE UNITED NATIONS

The following declaration, signed by 100 members of Congress, and endorsed by additional hundreds of American leaders from all walks of life, was submitted by The New Zionist Organization of America to President Truman on the eve of his departure for the Potsdam Conference and published, together with the accompanying letter, in the form of a political advertisement in the Washington Post of July 4, 1945. The Declaration was first made public by the New Zionist delegation in San Francisco at a press conference held on May 23, 1945, during the United Nations Conference for International Organization.

July 1, 1945

The President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We respectfully submit herewith a Declaration signed by many leading representatives of American public opinion on behalf of a just and permanent solution of the world Jewish problem. The American people eagerly await your decisive action on this vital question.

Every President since World War I, Congress, and both major political parties publicly pledged themselves to support the policy of a Jewish Palestine. Our government became a party to this policy by a special treaty with Great Britain, the Mandatory of Palestine. You, Mr. President, stated only recently that you would adhere to this traditional policy of America. We submit that the time has come to fulfill these promises and to take the necessary steps for their implementation.

Shortly you will meet with the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the Premier of the U.S.S.R. in order to strengthen the unity of the Allies and the foundations for a durable peace. We, therefore, urge you to include the Jewish question in the agenda of this conference and to secure a decision by the Big Three that the Jewish problem be solved in accordance with its magnitude and its historical implications.

The destiny of the Jewish people is inseparably tied up with Palestine. To ignore this self-evident truth, and to continue to keep the doors

of Palestine closed, is to invite serious trouble and continued unrest both in the Middle East and in Europe. There is no rehabilitation, no security and no freedom for Jews on the entire European continent. Constitutional guarantees cannot alter an organic situation.

There is no longer any excuse for delaying the settlement of this vital issue. It is high time for action. It is time to redeem the pledges given to the Jewish people. It is time for the President of the United States to inform Great Britain and the world of America's determination to secure the future of the Jewish people by the formation of the Jewish State.

Respectfully yours,
THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
COL. MORRIS J. MENDELSOHN, *President*

TEXT OF THE DECLARATION

We, the undersigned Americans, men and women in public life who are deeply interested in international problems and in securing a just and lasting peace, find it necessary to address publicly our Government, and through it the governments represented at the San Francisco conference, with the following declaration:

Bled and tortured humanity looks hopefully to the San Francisco conference to establish a system of international relations which will end strifes among peoples and wars among nations. It is expected that this time diplomats and statesmen will act with courage and determination to eliminate the causes of conflicts and do away with the evils of war that befall humanity periodically. We submit that among the problems which must not be overlooked or sidetracked is the age-old universal Jewish question.

This war was brought about because peoples and statesmen refused to view realistically the factors which disturbed the peaceful development of mankind and forced it into war and destruction. Among these factors the Jewish problem played a major role. The homelessness of the Jewish people, the basic abnormality of their situation and the deep-rooted anti-Semitism have definitely served as tinder to ignite flames of unrest, hatred and dissension which led to the madness of aggression and war. There can be no doubt that unless the Jewish problem is solved, it will continue to constitute a permanent obstacle to the effectiveness of any post-war settlement and to the peace of the world. Now, when an inspiring effort is being made for a lasting peace, the Jewish question must be boldly faced and adequately solved, or this effort may be doomed to failure.

At San Remo and in the League of Nations, a just and constructive solution for the Jewish problem—the restoration of the Promised Land to the Jewish people and its nationhood—was incorporated into

international law. However, the tendency which was developed after the last war to disregard the sanctity of treaties and international obligations has made a travesty of this law and has hampered the implementation of this solution. It is, therefore, imperative that when we set out to mend the fences of international morality and to lay new and stronger foundations for justice and peace, we make certain that the grave wrong done to the Jewish people be righted; that Palestine shall be restored to them and their nationhood recognized.

The Jewish people have made unparalleled sacrifices on the altar of war and the victory over the enemies of humanity. No people has suffered so much by impoverishment, torture, and death as have the Jews. No people has fought more valiantly and selflessly for the cause of freedom than has the Jewish people. Nevertheless, while some peoples who shed neither blood, nor sweat, nor tears, and who reaped only benefits from this gigantic struggle are now invited as full-fledged partners to set up the future organization of the world, the Jewish people has been conveniently forgotten and ignored. No Jewish delegation has been invited to the United Nations' Conference at San Francisco. We consider this a gross injustice and an error on the part of the leaders of the United Nations which presage little good for the entire undertaking of a just and lasting peace. There can be no justice in the world if the great Jewish people, the first to raise the banner of eternal peace and of morality among men and nations, is barred from a conference where these aims are declared to be its prime objectives.

We direct, therefore, our plea to the people and the Government of the United States of America that they raise their voice in behalf of justice for the Jewish people. Let our Government take the necessary steps that Palestine in its historic boundaries shall be proclaimed as a Jewish State, and let a delegation of Palestine Jewry—the natural representatives of all the Jews of the world who are in need of a home—be invited to participate with the representatives of all the United Nations to secure a real, just and lasting peace for humanity.

Signers of the Declaration

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Sen. Styles Bridges
Sen. H. J. Bushfield
Sen. Arthur Capper
Sen. Sheridan Downey
Sen. Homer Ferguson
Sen. Walter F. George
Sen. Joseph Guffey
Sen. Edwin C. Johnson
Sen. William Langer
Sen. Brien McMahon
Sen. Wayne Morse
Sen. James E. Murray
Sen. Francis J. Myers
Sen. George H. Radcliffe
Sen. Glen H. Taylor
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STOP STALLING ON PALESTINE!

No American Army Needed to Protect A Jewish State

In reply to a statement by President Truman that America will abstain from any active support of the Jewish State plan, if that will entail dispatching a sizable American army to the Middle East, The New Zionist Organization published the following political advertisement in the New York Post of Sept. 11, 1945.

In Britain's Footsteps

British diplomats in the Middle East have been summoned to London to discuss and decide on a policy for the Empire in this important region. Palestine is one of the topics for discussion. Taking into consideration the recent statement by Foreign Secretary Bevin that the traditional British imperialistic foreign policy is to continue under the Labor Government, and knowing the attitude of the participants of the conference towards Jewish aspirations in Palestine, we suspect that there will be no essential change in the anti-Zionist policies of Great Britain.

The question of Palestine, however, is a matter of direct interest not only to Great Britain, but also to the United States. Nevertheless, while the attitude of Great Britain towards the Palestine problem is clearly defined, the policy of the United States Government is still vacillating and confused. Instead of following an independent line, our Government continues to hang on to the coat-tails of British diplomacy.

This was again evidenced in the recent statements by President Truman concerning Palestine and the Jewish question.

Two Baffling Statements

On August 16, President Truman declared that he favored the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine provided this could be accomplished with the consent of the Arabs, and that America would not have to dispatch a half million troops to Palestine to maintain civil order in that country.

Discussing the question a few days later with Congressman Adolph Sabbath, the President stated that he is endeavoring to secure such humane treatment for the Jewish people in Europe that they *shall not have to migrate to Palestine.*

These statements by the President are both surprising and disappointing. They show no departure from the policy of the Administra-

tion towards the Jewish question, a policy conspicuous for its indecisiveness, reservations and contradictions.

Jewish Fate in Arab Hands?

To condition the establishment of a Jewish State upon the consent of the Arabs, is obviously the best means of preventing its creation. It is a shocking proposition! Is the existence of the Jewish people, the continuation of its history, and its hopes for freedom and redemption to depend upon the whim or the will of medieval Arab despots? Are the Jews to be rewarded for their enormous sacrifices in this war against Hitler and his fellow-criminals by being delivered into the hands of oriental Nazis and Hitler's allies in the Middle East? By what right are these Arab chieftains permitted to meddle in the affairs of Palestine and determine the fate and future of that land?

Palestine Belongs to the Jews

Palestine was, is, and will be a Jewish country. It was *never* an independent Arab State. It was wrested in World War I from the hands of the Turks by the might of the Allied armies, spearheaded by the Jewish Legion. It was promised to the Jews by the Allied powers *in recognition of their rightful historic claim to that country, and in appreciation of their services to the Allied cause.* It was reassured to them by international covenants signed by all the civilized nations of the world. On the basis of these solemn promises, and stirred by an unequalled patriotic fervor, the Jews sent to Palestine the flower of their youth and revived the desolate country with their sweat and blood. *Any attempt to turn Palestine over to the Arabs will be resisted by them to the last man.*

Peacetime "Military Expediency"

The contention of the President that half a million troops might be required to maintain civil order in Palestine, if that country were declared a Jewish state, is fantastic. Half a million soldiers is a mighty military force, a fifth of which could easily control not only Palestine, but the entire Middle East. It is estimated that an army of approximately half a million could safely police Nazi Germany. It is stated that General MacArthur's army of occupation in dangerous, resourceful and military-minded Japan will not exceed half a million. Britain never used even one-half of such a force to control gigantic India. Whence comes this gross exaggeration with regard to tiny Palestine?

It is hard to believe that the President has been hoodwinked by the Colonial Office and has swallowed its propaganda hook, line and sinker. The President should know that if there is an Arab question it is not in regenerated and progressing Palestine, but in the purely Arab countries where the native population is miserably exploited by British imperialism and by an archaic and most ruthless feudalistic system. *He should*

know that in these countries the British Empire rules with a mailed fist, and all that is needed for this is a handful of soldiers.

Arab Might—A Myth

One thousand British troops suported by a small contingent of Jews from Palestine, sufficed to squelch the Arab revolt in Iraq in 1941. *One thousand British troops*—against the so-called "standing army" of Iraq, which numbered some 18,000, in a country many times larger than Palestine! And this, despite active German and Italian support at the zenith of Hitler's success! That is the military strength of the Arabs which is dangled as a bogie before the eyes of the credulous when it concerns the creation of a Jewish State.

The Jews Themselves Will Protect Palestine

The "threats" of the Arab puppet rulers are, therefore, meaning less. They are well-rehearsed propaganda pieces of the British Colonial Office. No American soldiers, nor the soldiers of any other nation, are needed for the protection of Palestine against the Arabs. The Jewish people are ready to assume full responsibility for the protection of the Jewish State. *Let the Palestine Jewish Battalions and the Jewish Brigade, which fought so valiantly on the African and Italian fronts, be sent home, and peace and order will prevail in Palestine from one end to the other.*

A Challenge to Our Basic Aims

That the President of the United States should fall for this bogie is bad enough. But that he should indicate that a political settlement, *considered as just by this country*, should be abandoned because of *threats of aggression*—even if they were serious threats—is truly unbelievable. We hoped that at San Francisco, under American leadership, foundations had been laid for an international organization to suppress aggression and to secure the peace of the world. If the United Nations do not have enough strength to secure the existence of a Jewish State in Palestine against threats of aggression of a few insignificant puppets, then how much hope is there for the peace of the world generally, and what sense is there in the organization of the United Nations altogether?

A Realistic Outlook

The United Nations must solve the Jewish problem, *and there can be no substitute for Palestine as a solution.* To hope for Europe to become a Jewish Utopia, thus eliminating the need for a Jewish homeland—as is indicated in the President's statement to Congressman Sabbath—is nothing but wishful thinking. All that the President of the United States, or all the Allies together, can offer the Jewish people in Europe, is equality of rights *on paper! Equality of rights has already been "secured" in Poland and other countries.* Yet, even with the occupation of the Red Army and despite the strenuous efforts of the Polish Government, violence against the Jews, pogroms and riots, flare up

everywhere. *A force far greater than half a million would be required to protect the Jews of Europe against these outrages, or to break the economic blockade which surrounds them and dooms them to certain death!*

High Time for Action

The position of this country in favor of a Jewish Palestine has been made unequivocally clear by a resolution of Congress, by declarations of our Presidents, by platform planks of both major parties. *It is time to implement this policy!* Ambiguous declarations will not right the grave wrong done to the Jews. They are fed up with statements of sympathy and expressions of commiseration. They had enough of them! *Only a firm stand by the President and speedy diplomatic action by the Government will secure justice for the Jewish nation.*

IS AMERICA TO BE A PARTY TO THE PALESTINE BETRAYAL?

Solemn Pledges Discarded by the Administration

The publication by Secretary Byrnes of the Roosevelt-Ibn Saud exchange of letters regarding Palestine called forth the following statement by The New Zionist Organization of America, which appeared as political advertisements in the New York Post of October 23rd, the New York Sun of October 24th, the Chicago Daily News of October 29th, the Chicago Sun of October 29th, the Boston Globe of October 29th, and the Pittsburgh Press of October 31st, 1945.

Arabs—Arbiters of Jewish Fate

"This government will not support a final decision which would affect the basic situation in Palestine without full consultation with both Jews and Arabs," Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes, announced on October 18th in his statement of policy on the Palestine question.

Secretary Byrnes also revealed that assurances to this effect, and in the very same language, were contained in President Roosevelt's note to Ibn Saud, in reply to his exhortations on Palestine, in a letter dated March 10, 1945. Both these letters were made public by Secretary Byrnes.

Ignoring His Own Pledge

On October 15, 1944, President Roosevelt, in a well-publicized letter to Senator Wagner, stated that "if re-elected" he would take measures to implement the plank in the Democratic platfom to open Palestine to "unrestricted immigration and colonization" and to pursue "such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

This was a pledge given to the American people with the expectation that it would influence the election results. *This was a pledge—one of the pledges—on which Mr. Roosevelt and his party rode to power.* There was not a shred of indication in this pledge by the Democratic Party and its presidential candidate that no final decision shall be taken with respect to Palestine—without "full consultation" with the Arabs.

The Dual Policy Stands Exposed

The revelations of Secretary Byrnes have shocked public opinion. They unmasked a two-faced, double-dealing policy which is unworthy of this great and powerful democracy. They show that while the Jews were publicly promised something definite, the Arabs were secretly assured that no definite stand was taken.

When Is a Decision Final?

Now just what *is* that final decision that our government will not support without consulting the Arabs? Was not the Balfour Declaration a *final decision* with regard to the fate and future of Palestine? Was not the mandate of the League of Nations such a final decision? Was not the unanimous resolution of Congress in favor of Palestine as a Jewish National Home, adopted *prior* to the issuance of the mandate and clearly aimed to influence its policies—was not this a clear-cut decision? And what was the meaning of the pledge of the Democratic Party and the solemn and binding promise of its presidential candidate to support the establishment of Palestine as a free Jewish Commonwealth *if not a final decision?*

An "Unchanged" Policy

In his letter to Ibn Saud of April 5th, President Roosevelt seemingly forgot all these decisions, and while indicating to him that no definite stand on Palestine had yet been taken by this country, he had the "pleasure to renew the assurances" that the "policy of this government in this respect is unchanged." It was unchanged indeed, this policy of the Administration which made every effort to table the Palestine Resolution in February and March of 1944, and fought it down when it was reintroduced in December of that year. It is this very policy of the same administration which cynically and clumsily hid its antagonism to Jewish Palestine behind the arguments of "military expediency" and the "Allied war effort" during the war, and which even today, when these arguments are dead and gone, *continues the game of delaying tactics under the new mask of "consultation."*

Adverse Advisers

Fifteen months after the party in power *unqualifiedly* pledged to the whole world to support the establishment of a Jewish State, it declares today that it requires *consultation* of Jews and Arabs on this issue. Said Secretary Byrnes, "on several occasions this matter has been the subject of oral and written discussions with various Arab and Jewish leaders." *Were not these consultations sufficient? Did the question of Palestine arise yesterday?* We affirm that the Administration heard times innumerable all parties interested in this question. President Roosevelt was even fortunate enough to get the personal opinion of Ibn Saud in his famous private "five minute talk" from which he learned "much more than from a lot of previous correspondence," and he could certainly have learned a lot more from Ibn Saud's letter of March 10th.

A "Lesson" in History

In his letter to the President, Ibn Saud raises the question of the historic status of the Jews in Palestine. He claims political priority for the Arabs as the occupants of Palestine since the dawn of history, 5500 years ago, and as direct descendants of the pre-Hebrew Canaanites.

Every student of the Bible and of world history will recognize these statements as brazen falsehoods and as a deliberate perversion of the facts. Every student of history knows that *never was Palestine an independent state, or even a recognized political entity, except during the long period of Jewish reign and the brief period of the Crusaders' domination. Never was there a Palestine Arab State. Never was there in Palestine even local Arab patriotism,* unless the term be applied to British artificially instigated anti-Jewish agitation. Yet these preposterous claims were advanced by the Arab spokesman to confuse public opinion and befog the issue which is clear-cut and well-defined by the mandate over Palestine. For, the preamble of this mandate categorically states: "*Recognition has thereby been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country.*"

The "Whole Truth" Unfolds

It should not have been too difficult for the Administration to come to a decision on the basis of the "information" it received from Ibn Saud. The Arab chieftain would have them believe that the Jews "are preparing to create in Palestine a form of Nazi-Fascism in the midst of the Arab countries which proved themselves loyal to the Allied cause in these critical times." If there is no need to refute Jewish sympathies for Nazism, there is perhaps a need to remind the State Department of some pertinent facts of Arab treachery: the "stab in the back" of the Iraqi Government and Army when the democracies were in mortal danger; Syria's close collaboration with the Vichy regime in anticipation of a Nazi victory; Egypt's pro-fascist attitude with its Chief-of-Staff arrested by the British on the eve of his departure with the defense plans of his country for delivery to the enemy; the Mufti of Palestine, chief of Palestine Arabs, that arch-murderer and Hitler's pal, who raised a Moslem Legion in support of the Nazis; Yemen's avowed anti-Allied hatred and its long-standing alliance with fascist Italy; and finally, Ibn Saud, sitting tightly on the fence, closely watching the changing fortunes of war and contributing nothing to the cause of the Allies.

"Great Good Friend!"

These are the elements which our State Department befriends and still wishes to "consult" as a factor determining the right of the Jewish people—who have sacrificed so much for the Allied victory—to their own National Home! And it is to be deplored that President Roosevelt in his reply to a letter full of calumnies, vituperations and wildest agitation against the Jews of Palestine and the world, raised not one single objection, but on the contrary, expressed his "assurances" that he was "gratified" to receive these views. It is deplorable that this blood-stained tyrant, this vile old man, has been addressed by the Head of the American Democracy as a "great good friend."

A Fight to the End

We declare that there is no more reason for consulting the Arabs on Palestine than there is for consulting the Jews on Syria or Iraq. We base this contention upon the all important fact that when these countries were wrested from Turkey in World War I, *definite agreements were arrived at regarding their disposition.* While the pledges given the Arabs were implemented in full, the pledges made to the Jews, *with official Arab concurrence, have been systematically violated and sabotaged. We demand the fulfillment of these arrangements, and not consultations.* On the basis of these international agreements, repeatedly stated and reaffirmed, the Jews poured into Palestine their sweat and blood and transformed that country, desolate for many centuries, into a flourishing center of civilization. *To rob the Jews again of their restored homeland is as criminal as any of Hitler's robberies and annexations. The Jews will fight this betrayal to the last man and the last drop of blood.*

Let the People Judge!

The disclosures by Secretary Byrnes and his own statement implying that this Administration repudiates its pre-election pledge, throws the whole question back into the lap of the Americna people. We confidently place our case in the hands of the people of America in whose destiny and moral greatness we have unlimited faith. *They will never sign the death warrant to a Jewish Palestine.* They will demand that their representatives, from the President down, shall fulfill their obligations and redeem the nation's honor.

MR. ATTLEE, YOU CANNOT CEMENT THE BRITISH EMPIRE WITH JEWISH BLOOD!

The following statement was issued during Prime Minister Attlee's visit to the United States for the purpose of discussing international problems with President Truman. It appeared in the form of political advertisements in the New York Post of November 12th, 1946, and the Washington Star of the same date.

Nothing Short of a Jewish State

Prime Minister Attlee is here to discuss some pressing international problems with President Truman. We assume that the Palestine question is among these problems. We have a fair inkling of what Mr. Attlee and his government plan for Palestine. We consider this therefore the opportune moment to serve notice on Mr. Attlee and his Government that *nothing short of the abrogation of the White Paper, the opening of the doors of Palestine for free Jewish repatriation,* and the *proclamation of a Jewish State will do,* and that further postponement of the settlement of the issue will result in bitter and determined Jewish resistance to Britain not only in Palestine, but throughout the world.

If Britain believes that she can continue to default on her international obligations in Palestine under the camouflage of Arab propaganda and mob violence, she is in for a rude awakening. We shall repeatedly unmask the instigators of this opposition—the British Colonial agents and administrators—and we shall continue to lay bare their stratagem: *the attempt to foist upon the world an impression of an Arab "menace" to give Britain an excuse for her pretended "appeasement" policy.*

Britain's Arab Appeasement—A Propaganda Stunt

We shall mercilessly expose these tactics, and arouse public opinion to the plain truth that Britain's appeasement of the Arabs as a *deliberately fabricated legend.* Britain might have sought to appease Hitler when he possessed superior military might. Britain may, today or tomorrow, appease another great military power. But Britain has never practiced appeasement towards puppets or peoples militarily weak.

Britain does not seek to appease the 400,000,000 people of India, a country seething with continuous revolution and whose military resources are great enough to supply *powerful armies* for the British Empire. Britain practices no appeasement toward the 40,000,000 Moslem inhabitants of Java, where her troops are today imposing a colonial regime at the point of the bayonet, with fire and sword. And it is significant that Mr. Attlee's Government does *not* fear to arouse the

resentment of the 300,000,000 Moslems against this *British violent subjugation of one of the biggest Moslem communities in the world.*

The Arab League—A British Front

Britain does not have to appease Ibn Saud, who surely remembers the lesson of 1928, when a few British planes smashed his desert hordes after their attempt to invade neighboring British controlled territories. Britain does not have to "satisfy" any of the Arab governments which she herself invested with power and which function by her grace. Certainly she does not fear the fiction of the Arab League—that tool of British imperialism and propaganda instrument of the Colonial Office.

Under cover of this League Britain not only hopes to block the formation of the Jewish State, but also to check any non-British influence in the all-important Middle Eastern area. The bugaboo of the Arab League was first turned against France, as a prelude to Britain's military occupation of Syria. It was later turned against Soviet Russia, when the Soviet Union asked for a trusteeship over Tripolitania. And it is as certain as day follows night that, if Britain carries out her plans in Palestine, she will turn the same bogie against the last non-British factor in the Middle East—our own United States.

The Real Reason

Thus Britain's opposition to Zionism is in no way affected by the Arab "threat." *It is motivated solely by the refusal of the Colonial strategists to see the rise of a western and industrial nation at the crossroads of the Empire.* We firmly believe that the interests of the whole world, including the interests of Great Britain herself, dictate the creation of a Jewish State; that a Jewish Palestine would be a vital factor of progress, stability, peace and order, in that highly unpredictable and backward area. But Britain's short-sighted imperialists think otherwise. They have, therefore, persistently sought a way out of Britain's international obligations on Palestine, and in this determined quest they stopped at nothing.

They instigated blood-shed and riots in Palestine under the guidance of their paid hireling, the notorious Ex-Mufti, and, as Mr. Constantine Poulos, American war correspondent and representative of the Overseas News Agency, reports, the henchmen of the Mufti have again been given the green light and British agents are again arming and inciting the Arabs for acts of aggression against the Jews.

Pogroms Will Not Avail

The Colonial strategists, however, find it extremely difficult to induce Palestine Arabs into a new civil war. So they think to frighten world Jewry by inciting and instigating the savage mobs of the Arab countries against the helpless Jewish minorities among them. These outrages are intended to "prove" the impossibility of a pro-Zionist solu-

tion. *With full knowledge of the import of our assertions, we charge the British agents provacateurs with deliberately fomenting the recent pogroms and massacres in Egypt and Tripolitania.* These disturbances have all the earmarks of the British inspired disorders in Palestine. It is to be marvelled at that while under Italy, Jews and Arabs in Tripoli lived on friendly terms, under *British military rule the first anti-Jewish pogrom was organized and permitted to take place.*

The Farce of Investigation

While this "show" of Arab strength is being organized, the British imperialists hope to shelve the Palestine issue altogether by the establishment of a joint Anglo-American commission for the "investigation of the Jewish situation in Europe." We repudiate this investigation plan as a sinister maneuver to put a question mark upon the Jewish need for Palestine. The restoration of Palestine to the Jewish people is not a subject for investigation. It is a policy settled by international law and backed by the most recent and most terrible lessons in history. *The problem of the Jews is that of homelessness and statelessness, and no renewed investigations are necessary to establish this cardinal fact.*

Nothing that Britain can do will confuse this crystal-clear issue. It is a conflict not between the Arabs and the Jews, but between imperialistic Britain on the one hand, and world Jewry and all the democratic forces in the world on the other. *Britain has placed herself in the position of an open enemy of the Jewish people, and the Jews have no other course but to take up the challenge.*

Time for the President to Speak

The British were thus far successful in obtaining the tacit support of our administration for their anti-Jewish policies. But the time has come for our government to take an open and decisive stand on this issue. American public opinion in deeply aroused by our acquiescence to Britain's Palestine policy. In keeping with the expressed wishes of the American people, our obligations under international covenants, the decision of our Congress, and the solemn pledges of our presidents —*President Truman is duty-bound to demand that Mr. Attlee put a stop to the British crusade against the Jewish people and fulfill Britain's international obligation to reconstitute Palestine as a Jewish National Home.*

We Cannot Invest in British Faith

Britain now asks America for a loan of billions of dollars. How can Americans rely on Britain's good faith when her Government is so careless with her honor and so callous in breaking her obligations and commitments? The sore spectacle of Britain's behavior in Palestine *stamps her government as faithless and untrustworthy. Let Britain prove her integrity before we trust her with our savings and investments.*

We expect Mr. Truman to convey to Mr. Attlee the true feelings of the American people on this question, and we sincerely hope he will do everything in his power—*which is the power of the United States*—to convert his meeting with the Prime Minister into an historic event—the inauguration of constructive American-British co-operation in establishing a Jewish State, a bulwark of progress and democracy in the whole Middle East.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN JOINS WITH BRITAIN IN BLOCKING JEWISH FREEDOM!

His Stand Presages Prejudiced Commission

President Truman's declaration of December 4th, in which he expressed opposition to the creation of a Jewish State, evoked the following statement from the New Zionist Organization, which appeared as a political advertisement in the New York Post of December 11th, 1945.

Three Presidential Declarations

President Truman was reported on December 4, to have expressed his antagonism to the creation of a Jewish State. His explanation was that he would "'oppose the creation of Palestine as a state based on Judaism for the same reason that he would oppose basing it on the Moslem religion or the Baptist denomination." Instead of a Jewish State, the President was reported to favor the establishment in Palestine of a "democratic state" with no "religion, race or creed" as the basis for a "sovereign nation."

This explanation is quite different from that offered in the President's statement on November 29, only five days earlier, in which he justified the withdrawal of his support of the Senate resolution in favor of the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine upon "changed political conditions."

And it represents a complete reversal of the President's declaration of August 16, *favoring* the creation of a Jewish State, provided it would not involve this country in a huge military expedition of "half a million troops" to maintain order there.

A Subtle Allure

The arguments of "military" or "political expediency" have so often been exposed as sham pretexts, used by this administration to evade its Palestine responsibilities, that no one can now be expected to take them seriously. But we cannot permit to go unchallenged the President's most recent statement, in which his opposition to a Palestine Jewish State is no longer attributed to military or political expediences, but is presented by him as a *matter of principle*. The idea that Palestine should be transformed into a democratic state, as a *substitute for a Jewish State*, is so tricky and confusing that we must reveal its true purpose—the complete and utter liquidation of all Jewish hopes for national rehabilitation in Palestine.

Whose Idea?

This idea does not originate with the President. It was advanced by the recently formed group, the American League for a Free Palestine, comprising an accidental conglomeration of individuals who were driven by the Jewish plight to do something about it, but who have no basic understanding of the Palestine situation and no policy of their own. The policies of this group are practically dictated by two or three opportunistic individuals who style themselves the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, and who represent neither the Jews of Palestine nor any party or group in Jewry.

Bunk Theories Publicized

Their two "innovations," which they publicized far and wide, are the distinction between Hebrews and Jews—a distinction which exists only in their fancy—and the grossly false notion that a Jewish State would imply theocracy and discrimination against non-Jews and that Palestine should therefore be constituted not as a Jewish, but as a democratic state. They were quickly joined in this argumentation by the most fanatic Jewish opponents of Zionism—the American Council for Judaism, a small group of extremely wealthy, smug and selfish American Jews, who are possessed with the groundless fear that the materialization of Zionism will adversely affect their own convenience. And thus this insidious campaign, as Senators Taft and Wagner rightly termed it, was finally carried to the White House.

The Jews Are A People, Not A Sect

The theory that Jews, who in every country bled and suffered for the democratic ideals, would not establish democracy in their own state, but would practice discrimination against non-Jews, is so ridiculous and malicious that no right-thinking person can seriously consider it. The assumption that the Jews constitute a religious sect, like the Catholics or the Protestants, can be promoted only by people who are ignorant of the essence of Judaism or who deliberately misrepresent the trend of Jewish history. The Jews happen to have a religion of their own, but, unlike the Catholics or the Protestants, they form a *specific national group*. Their religion cannot be held as an argument against their statehood any more than the special tenets of the Anglican Church can be held against the existence of the State of England.

The truth is that Jews are an ancient people which was robbed of its land and driven into global homelessness and dispersion, constituting a minority in every country in the world, and subjected, because of this state of affairs, to untold misery and suffering. To restore the normal status of the Jewish people by providing a home and a state for those Jewish elements who can in no way be assimilated, absorbed, or tolerated among other peoples, is the aim and essence of Zionism.

No Substitute for Zionism

This home and state can be provided only by the creation of a Jewish majority in Palestine. Just as France or Finland are French and Finnish States because of the nature of their majority populations, so, too, will a Jewish majority in Palestine inevitably constitute a Jewish State. On the other hand, if the Jews in Palestine are in the minority, the Arabs will be the real rulers of the country, regardless of its form of government, and the Jewish problem will be brought not one step nearer to its solution. On the contrary, its scope will be widened and its acuteness intensified by the creation of another Jewish minority. This will doom the Jewish people to everlasting homelessness, and will gravely affect the international situation, because the existence of an unsolved Jewish problem in the world has been the cause of dangerous agitation and unrest which led to revolutions and to world conflagrations.

The Reason Behind the Reason

President Truman and his State Department should have realized this and acted accordingly, and not have followed the bankrupt, narrow-minded and short-sighted British policy which has repeatedly led to wars and which is now again driving toward a new world conflict. If President Truman must use against Zionism arguments supplied by the fear-stricken assimilationists of the Council of Judaism, or the fickle opportunists of the Hebrew Committee, he has, in fact, no argument at all against the Zionist solution. He has no argument unless he prefers not to reveal the real reason for his stand, his acceptance of Britains imperialistic policies, and the influence upon his State Department of some oil big-wigs who are ever ready to trade oil for blood, and whose unlimited avarice and selfish interests make them partners in spirit to the imperialists of the Colonial Office.

An Ill-Conceived Commission

In view of this declaration of President Truman, coupled with that of Foreign Secretary Bevin, expressing opposition to the creation of a Jewish State, we must again condemn the Commission of Inquiry as a mockery to the martyred and starving Jews of Europe.

We declare that this is not a fact-finding commission, but a body whose decisions are pre-fixed and pre-conceived.

We declare that any Anglo-American Committee on the Jewish question in which Britain has an equal number of members will of necessity form a conclusion against a Jewish State.

We declare that Britain, which is a party in the dispute, should not be constituted as a judge and arbitrator, and that it would be ridiculous for the Jews to appear before such a body and expect honest and impartial results.

The Democratic Party Must Answer

The Commission of Inquiry is a British maneuver to get America's official backing to Britain's anti-Jewish policy. By cooperating with Britain in this plan, President Truman encouraged the Colonial Office to intensify its reign of terror in Palestine. By making the fulfillment of the administration's election promise subject to this "investigating" committee, *the President committed an act of bad faith toward all those who trusted the word of the administration.*

In total disregard of the Democratic Party's platform and the pledge of its standard bearer—in which the President concurred—President Truman now voices his outright opposition to the creation of a Jewish State. We charge that this administration treats its pledges to the Jewish people with a cynicism unparalleled in American political history. Democrats in Congress and out of Congress will now have to make their stand clear to the country. Do they still adhere to the platform upon which they were elected, or do they endorse the repudiation of President Truman and take the consequencss in the judgment of the people?